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The Newsletter for the Members of the Owasippe Staff Association

January 1999

OWASIPPE STAFF ASSOCIATION

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1999 NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION

YOUR OSA BOARD The affairs of the OSA are managed by the nine members of the Board of Directors whom you elect. Their terms are staggered so that three must be elected each year. Each Board member serves a three-year term unless a vacancy must be filled for a shorter term. A Director must be a currently registered Staff or Associate member age 21 or older as of the day of election (March 6, 1999), have a genuine interest in the success of the organization and be available for monthly Board of Director meetings.

Current Board of Directors Term Expires

Michael Payne Diane Posen (Secretary) **Pat Troy** (Treasurer) 1999

Kevin Oster Art Paull (President) **Bob Ward** 2000

Michael Campbell Ron Derby(vice-president) **Scott Weber** 2001

WHO MAY VOTE Each Staff and Associate Member currently registered (99) is entitled to one vote at the annual meeting for the purpose of election of the board of directors. Voting may only be done in person at the 21st Annual Meeting on Saturday March 6, 1999 at Chantilly Banquets, 5412 S. LaGrange Road, Countryside, IL. from 6:00 to 7:00 PM.

Please note that each member who is entitled to vote at the annual meeting may authorize another person to do so by a written and signed proxy.

BE SURE THAT YOU ARE CURRENTLY REGISTERED ('99) SO THAT YOUR VOTE COUNTS. The current year of your membership will be on the mailing label addressing this mailing. Any questions regarding the status of your membership can be presented to the Membership Committee Chairman Ron Kulak at (708) 429-5596.

WINNERS Those candidates receiving the largest number of valid votes will be inducted into the Board of Directors during the 1999 Annual Meeting. For 1999, the top three vote getters will be considered duly elected. The positions will be three-year terms.

OPERATING OFFICERS The first official duty of the newly constituted Board of Directors will be to select operating officers for the next twelve months, namely: President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. These officers will be announced at the Annual Meeting.

1999 Board of Director Candidate Resumes

(presented in order of nomination)

DIANE POSEN, age 30, is single and lives in Orland Park. Diane graduated from Illinois State University in 1993 with a BS in Criminal Justice. She is a Court Liaison for Aunt Martha's Youth Services in Abuse and Neglect Court. A former Cadet Girl Scout, Diane worked at Owasippe for four summers at Camp Reneker. She started in 1984 as an Apprentice. In 1985 and 1986 she worked in the Trading Post and Crafts and in 1987 she worked in the Trading Post and with the teen group. A member of the OSA since 1989, Diane has

served on the Board of Directors for the past six years where she has served as vice- president and is currently the Secretary. Diane would like to see the OSA develop more social events for current members while bringing in younger staff and new members in general. She would also like to work towards bringing the members together to formulate a plan to develop prospective resources to aid our work in the maintenance and enhancement of Owasippe as a premiere camp.

PAT TROY, age 35, is married to Donna and lives in Lemont. Pat received his BS in Computer Science from Purdue University in 1987 and his MS in Computer Science from Penn State University in 1990 and is currently a lecturer at UIC in the Electrical Engineering and Computer Science Department. Pat is an Eagle Scout with 2 palms and an Ordeal Member of the Order of the Arrow. Pat worked at Camp Robert Crown in 1983 and 1984 as Assistant Aquatic Director, 1986 and 1987 at Camp Carlen as the Aquatic Director, 1988 as Sail Base Director, Blackhawk Aquatic Director in 1989, Senior Commissioner in 1990 and Camp Director in 1991, 1992, and 1993. Pat's hobbies include scuba diving and camping. Pat joined the OSA in 1984 and has been a member of the Board of Directors for the past 3 years and has served as Treasure for the past two. He also works with the Staff Development (CIT) program at Owasippe. He would like to see the OSA to concentrate on keeping the membership informed of the OSA events and member news via the newsletter and to have the OSA aggressively recruit at Owasippe.

KEN GRACZYK, age 40 is married and lives in Chicago. Ken and his wife Mary have 3 children; Melissa 16, Kenny 10 and Audrey 8. Ken is a painter for the Chicago Park District. An Eagle Scout from Troop 494 at St. John of God, Ken received his Eagle award when he was 15 years old. He is also a Brotherhood member of the OA and is currently a Cubmaster with Pack 3485 and also serves on the District Roundtable staff. Ken worked at Owasippe in 1974 on the Wolverine North Aquatic staff and in 1979 as the Nature Director at Wolverine South. In between stints at Owasippe, Ken worked as an Assistant Ranger at Yorkville (Hoover) Scout Camp. A long time member of the OSA, Ken and his family enjoy camping and are a familiar sight at Fix-it weekends. Ken would like to see the OSA acting as the catalyst in getting all the volunteers working as a team together with the Council and Owasippe management. He believes that maintenance is a priority and Owasippe needs to project a positive image in order for people to take a greater interest in its upkeep.

JIM RICH, age 63 is married to Suzanne and lives in Chicago. A high school graduate of the class of 1954, Jim is a firefighter with the Chicago Fire Department. A Brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow, Jim is an Assistant Scoutmaster with Troop 465 and has received the District Award of Merit. Jim has worked at Owasippe for 4 summers at Camp Wolverine. He was Senior Commissioner in 1996 and Assistant Camp Director in 1993, 1994 and 1997. In 1998 and again in 1999 Jim will be the Assistant Camp Director at Camp Carlen. A "Staff" member of the OSA, Ron is also involved with the Chicago firefighter's Union #2 and is a member of the Medinah Temple. Jim would like to see the OSA raise money to help out at Owasippe and get more members involved with the work weekends and annual meeting.

VINCE RYCHTANEK, age 35, his wife Beth and daughters Rachel (8), Amanda (5), Caitlin (4) and Allison (2) reside in Elgin. Vince is a graduate of the University of Illinois (1987) and is a firefighter/paramedic with the Elgin Fire Department. A former Scout, he was also an Assistant Scoutmaster with Troop 936 and a brotherhood member of the O/A. Vince worked at Owasippe for ten summers beginning at Camp Blackhawk from 1978 to 1980. This was followed by seven summers in the High Adventure Programs; Survival and Logging Outposts in 1981 and 1982, and Pack & Paddle from 1983 - 1987. Vince also worked numerous pre and post camp crews and served as an Assistant Ranger in 1981. His hobbies include hunting and home improvements. A member of the OSA since 1987, Vince has chaired the Nominations and Election Committees since 1988 and has served two terms on the Board of Directors and is a past President. He would like to see the OSA more forward thinking in it's decisions to help Owasippe and wants to work aggressively to ensure that the Chicago Area Council increases it's maintenance funding for the camps.

DEER HUNTING AT OWASIPPE

FOR ALL YOU HUNTERS OUT THERE, THE MOST WONDERFULL SEASON OF THE YEAR IS NOT THE HOLIDAYS SEASON. THE MOST WONDERFULL TIME OF THE YEAR IS WHEN YOU ARE IN THE WOODS IN SEARCH OF VENISON ON THE HOOF. WHETHER YOU USE BOW, SHOTGUN, RIFLE, PISTOL OR BLACK POWDER, THE ANTICIPATION OF GETTING OUT IN THE FIELD ON OPENING DAY IS A PURE ADRENILINE BUZZ.

OWASIPPE HAS HISTORICALLY ALLOWED HUNTING ON PROPERTY, AND IN THE LATE 60'S AND EARLY 70'S PERMISSION WAS GIVEN TO THOSE THAT KNEW THE RANGERS, OR KNEW SOMEONE IN CHICAGO. AS THE YEARS PROGRESSED, THE WORD OF HUNTING AT OWASIPPE HAD SPREAD, SO A MINIMAL CHARGE WAS INSTITUTED AND HUNTER DENSITY PER SQUARE MILE WAS SOMEHOW ESTABLISHED. IN THE LATE 80'S AND EARLY 90'S, OWASIPPE WAS GIVING OUT PERMITS TO APPROXIMATELY 150 PEOPLE. THE PROBLEM OF HUN~Pn~ WITHOUT PERMITS AND POACHING GOT PROGRESSIVELY WORSE. ITu' 193~5~ DECISION WAS MADE TO CLOSE HUNTING FOR ONE YEAR TO GAIN CONTROL OF THE PROPERTY, ESPECIALLY THE INNER CORE OF CAMPS AND BUILDINGS.

IN 1996, HUNTING WAS RE-OPENED WITH LIMITED PERMITS GOING TO THE OWASIPPE CONSERVATION CLUB. IN IT'S FIRST YEAR, MEMBERSHIP WAS LIMITED TO 50 PEOPLE WHO HAD TO PUT IN 40 HOURS OF LABOR Tv" OWASIPPE BEFORE THE START OF THE 1996 SEASON, OR FOR THOSE THAT COULDN'T PUT IN THE TIME, A FEE WAS ESTABLISHED. ALSO ESTABLISHi+i~TB WERE SPECIFIC CODES OF CONDUCT AND RULES OF THE HUNT, SPEC~FI~ALLY THAT ANY BUCKS MUST HAVE AT LEAST 6 ANTLER POINTS, AND THAT ANY SECOND BUCK TAKEN BY THE SAME HUNTER MUST HAVE AT LEAST 8 ANTLER POINTS. THE PURPOSE OF THIS RESTRICTION IS TO ALLOW THE YOUNG BUCKS THE OPPORTUNITY TO REACH 2 TO 3 YEARS OF AGE, AND TO INCREASE THEIR NUMBERS IN THE HERD OVERALL.

IN 1998, THE CHICAGO AREA COUNCIL ESTABLISHED OPENINGS FOR 10 PEOPLE ASSOCIATED WITH THE BOYS SCOUTS AND THE OWAS IPP" ~TA~r ASSOCIATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE HUNTING OPPORTUNITY. THE SAME TIME AND MONEY OPTIONS APPLY. STAFF VILLIAGE CABINS ARE AVAILABLE FOR LODGING, AND IF YOU LIVE OUT OF MICHIGAN, YOU'LL HAVE TO PURCHASE A NON-RESIDENT LICENSE, WHICH THIS YEAR COST \$120.00 FOR EITHER BOW OR FIREARM SEASON.

AS OF THIS DATE, INFORMATION ON THE NUMBER OF DEER TAKEN DURING THE 1999 SEASON IS STILL BEING COMPILED. SPECIFIC BREAKOUTS THA" ~rfill SHOW HOW MANY BUCKS WERE TAKEN ALONG WITH ANTLER SIZE, AND H6LI: ~IIINY DOES/ANTLERLESS DEER WERE TAKEN WILL BE LISTED IN THE NEXT ISSUE.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN HUNTING OWASIPPE IN THE FALL OF 1999, YOU MUST CONTACT PHILLIP "CHAUNCEYR NIZIOL BY FEBRUARY 15TH TO GET YOUR NAME ON THE LIST OF ELIGIBLE PARTICIPANTS. IF MORE TESAN 15 PEOPLE~ INDICATE THEY WISH TO HUNT, THERE WILL BE A DRAWING TO FILL THE

SLOTS. FOR COMPLETE DETAILS, CALL CHAUNCEY AT 708-562-4874.

Spring Fix- it Offers Fun & Fellowship in May The Spring Fix-it and Family Weekends will be held on May 21 - 23 and June 11-13. These fix-it weekends help prepare Owasippe for the upcoming camping season. Accommodations are available in Camp Reneker cabins with some Gray Staff Village cabins also available. Three meals are provided for all workers and their families on Saturday in additions there will be a cracker-barrel and social on Friday night, a campfire program on Saturday night and a continental breakfast on Sunday morning. To register contact MikePayne: 708-447-7409. The camp especially is in need of roofing repairs and the OSA and OA are combining forces to repair/replace 105 roofs this spring.

Workers are being reminded to bring your own tools if at all possible. Owasippe's tool inventories are at an all time low and we will be much more productive if we can supply our own. If you have any old tools, please consider donating them to Owasippe

Auburn, NY 98-99 Holiday Greetings

*Dear Brothers and Sisters in The OSA,
Let's get re-connected! The following is a
bit of our doings since moving back to the good old USA from Malta.*

We have grown to love the many parks, trails and lakes that surround us. This is a hiker's paradise. We are right in the middle of what was once the Iroquois Nation being formed by a confederation of the Seneca, Cayuga, Onondaga, Onieda and Mohawk tribes. Why they settled here and fought so hard for this land is obvious from its beauty and abundance. Having spent six years in some of the dryer parts of the Mediterranean, our appreciation for the lakes, rivers and lush green Landscapes is heightened! We, of course, are in the heartland of the Cayugans. Sadly, little of their culture remains. They are the only tribe in the area not to have a reservation.

War veterans forced the Iroquois out after the Revolutionary War when Washington took their land for resettlement and payment to soldiers. Many Europeans came to this area to farm but soon discovered how to harness the waterpower as the Industrial Revolution got rolling. Auburn was where International Harvester came into being. It was an industrial boomtown until just after WW II. The history is engaging and a reflection of many Upstate small cities.

We have had several adventures into surrounding areas including the Thousands Islands, the Adirondacks, Rochester, Syracuse, Buffalo and the Big Apple. To our great surprise Zachary loved New York City the most and now often tells us how he'd like to live there. It must have been the subway

rides and the ferry trip to the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island that really captured him.

Austin, now nine and in fourth grade, and Zak, now five and in kindergarten, like their respective schools and teachers. Living just outside of Auburn places us in a rural school district. For the young age of the boys, we find ourselves, in our forties, to be older than most of the other parents.

After 18-19 months at the helm of the Cuyahoga Museum things are beginning to take some form of my own fashioning. I work for/with a board of twenty. They are fairly representative of the shakers and movers in this area representation.

One of my first challenges with the board was to get them better organized and to foster a greater sense of ownership of the museum. Many of them had never served on a board before. At this point I find those with little or no board experience easier to work with and tend to be more motivated. We have rewritten the By-laws and greatly reduced the number of committees from eleven, when I arrived, to five.

The challenges remain great and varied. We have launched a million-dollar capital campaign to address infrastructure and marketing problems. There are several buildings that make up the museum. The oldest is an 1836 Greek Revival mansion. I am aiming in '99 to complete a new office/library space within the mansion. Down the road are plans to improve collection storage, exhibition spaces and renovate a theater space that is in the mansion's carriage house. Each space has a rich historic fabric to it, yet each presents distinct challenge. If I have done anything since my arrival, it has been to give the institution a sense of planning. In the not too distant future there is also the strong possibility of rejoining an art center located next door. The Center sadly split from the museum in the 1980s and this has created some redundancy in missions and confusion for the public.

Judy has happily moved outside the realm of the household to find some adventure herself. She has been the administrator for a local Preservation group that runs a property designed and built in the 1890s by the Tiffany Decorating and Glass Co. We have been able to partner our two organizations in ways that have helped the community come together. But in January Judy moves on to put together theater ed. programs for a local theater company.

Our home sits on the edge of a small wood. It makes for great bird watching

right at the dinner table. Although the place was recently constructed in 1985, we heat most of the year with a wood stove. This has further enhanced our rustic sense of this land where we now make our home.

Our very best wishes to you all during this time when the spirit so traditionally turns to reflection and gratitude for the wonder that is found in living and sharing. All the best in '99 and stay in touch.

Sincerely,

Jim Richerson

richlee@relex.com

OSA Life Member

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

I Hereby Submit My Request

to Register As A Member

and My Support of the

OSA's Purpose

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____ BIRTHDATE: _____

SIGNED: _____

DATE: _____

Service at Owasippe:

Scouting Background: _____

Employed By: _____

As a: _____

Marital Status: _____

Spouse's Name: _____

Children's Names & Ages: _____

Mail to:

OSA

P.O. Box 7097

Westchester, Illinois 60154

Attn: Membership

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Fall - September 15

Winter - December 15

Owasippe Staff Association

1998/1999

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	Scott Weber	1066 Knapp NE	Grand Rapids, MI 49505	(616) 364-7388

Off Season Use at Owasippe

Cabins are available for rent at Owasippe this fall and winter. 15 Staff Village cabins, 2 Lake Cabins, and the Health Lodge are available for groups up to 40 people. Staff Village cabins cost \$35 per night to rent. Also available will be linens and cooking utensils for rent. The price will probably be in the \$25-\$30 range for linens and utensils. This winter, in conjunction with a local outfitter, cross country ski packages will also be available. Just call Owasippe by Wednesday with your request. Give then your shoe size, height and weight and your skis and poles will be waiting in your cabin when you arrive. Another attraction is horseback riding at Owasippe. If you request it in advance, a local stable will bring the horses & gear to Owasippe for your trail ride. Or try a western weekend, groups of ten minimum can enjoy an entire weekend of camping & trail riding as well as a bonfire on Friday and a social on Saturday. Both these programs will be available for a very reasonable fee.

Galloping Grapevine

NEW MEMBERS

LIFE

STAFF

ASSOCIATE

John Spacek JBSCoin@aol.com

I am doing research on Scout tokens issued at Camp Owasippe, I understand that several different varieties were produced. I have a small round alum. token O: has Owasippe Scout camps BSA Chicago Council R: Good for 1 cent in merchandise. I would like to know when they were issued, in what different varieties, the dates when they were issued and if any one has any for trade or sale.

Project list for Owasippe 1998

General:

Gus Kopp Dam erosion repair/control

Bridges on Red and Blue trail, Marl Bed area

Boat and canoe repair

- Tent and cot repair
- Tent poles and rolling
- Floorboard and picnic table repair
- Drywall in Blackhawk and Carlen utility rooms
- Roofs on ranger residences (Ad center)
- Water heaters at Crown and Blackhawk
- Reneker B-side sanitary unit
- Food prep electric panel
- Paint the cooler at Aquadock
- Paint floors in food prep utility rooms
- Clean Health Lodge
- Trading post roof
- Roads and brush
- Hand washing facilities at Carlen and Blackhawk
- Port-a-potties at ranges
- Water heaters at Horse Corral
- Fence at Horse Corral
- Indian pump and fire guard repair
- Dining fly fabrication
- Vehicle repairs
- Pool repairs
- Sailboat repair
- Section camp punch list
- Logging - storm damage

Blackhawk:

- Erosion control at lake front
- Hand washing facilities at dining hall
- Soap dispensers and towel racks
- Wall board in utility closet
- Water heater and closet in camper shower house
- Paint kitchen
- Remove vent hood assembly
- Food service line equipment
- Repairs to staff row cabins and shower house
- Screen repair
- Fire guard
- Fan repair

The President's Perspective by Art Paull

Camping Away From Owasippe

OSA members love the great outdoors and many of us like to go camping. However, during the summer months, when most of us are able to get away with our families, Owasippe is dedicated to scout use only. In addition, only tent camping is allowed on the reservation. For those of us that like to get away during the summer and perhaps use an RV of some sort, the Vibrations will feature a series of alternative camping ideas within one hour of Owasippe. The

first of the series will focus on Michigan State Parks. To make a reservation at any Michigan State Park, phone (800) 44 -PARKS

Grand Haven State Park

1001 Harbor Ave., Grand Haven, MI 49417;

(616) 798-3711;

Grand Haven State Park attracts more than 1 million visitors each year to its half-mile sandy beach along Lake Michigan. The beach is adjacent to a boardwalk following the Grand River into Grand Haven. The campground is close to Lake Michigan, the Grand River Channel and the lighthouse pier. Take US-31 into Grand Haven and follow the "waterfront" signs. Go south at the waterfront to the park entrance. Camping facilities open April 1 to November 1; modern toilets from May 1 to October 15 only.

P. J. Hoffmaster State Park

6585 Lake Harbor Rd., Muskegon, MI 49441;

(616) 798-3711;

Hoffmaster State Park has many attractions: two and a half miles of fine, sandy shoreline along Lake Michigan, towering sand dunes and a dune climb stairway leading to the top of a high dune overlook. The Gillette Sand Dune Visitor Center offers programs, exhibits and hands-on displays that tell the story of Michigan's sand dunes. Take US-31 to the Pontaluna Road exit, and head west on Pontaluna Road two miles. From I-96, take exit 4 and go west on Pontaluna Road six miles. Camping facilities open April 1 to December 1; modern toilets from April 15 to November 1 only.

Holland State Park

2215 Ottawa Beach Rd., Holland, MI 49424-2344;

(616) 399-9390;

Holland State Park offers an expansive, sandy beach along Lake Michigan, two large campgrounds and a beautiful view of sailboats and sunsets. From westbound BR-196, take exit 55 and follow park signs to Ottawa Beach Road. From eastbound BR-196, take exit 44. The park is located eight miles west of Holland. Camping facilities open April 1 to December 1; modern toilets from April 15 to October 15 only.

Charles Mears State Park

P.O. Box 370, W. Lowell St., Pentwater, MI 49449;

(616) 869-2051;

Charles Mears State Park is located in the quaint village of Pentwater along the Lake Michigan shoreline. Paved campsite lots are surrounded by fine sand, and a swimming beach is adjacent to the harbor pier. From US-31, take the Pentwater exit and go west on Lowell Street. Camping facilities open April 1 to December 1; modern toilets from April 15 to November 1 only.

Muskegon State Park

3560 Memorial Dr., North Muskegon, MI 49445;

(616) 744-3480;

With more than two miles of Lake Michigan shoreline and one mile on Muskegon Lake, Muskegon State Park provides the best of both Great Lakes and inland lake opportunities. The park has 12 miles of hiking trails, five miles of lighted cross-country ski trails with ski rental and one of only four luge runs in the country. Take US-31 to the M-120 exit in North Muskegon, and follow signs to the park. Camping facilities open April 1 to December 1; modern toilets from April 15 to November 1 only.

Silver Lake State Park

9679 W. State Park Rd., Mears, MI 49436;

(616) 873-3083;

Silver Lake State Park contains over 1,500 acres of "Sahara Desert-like" sand dunes that can be explored on foot or by vehicle. The park's 450-acre vehicle scramble area (separate from the pedestrian area) is the only dune area in Michigan allowing off-road vehicles. Other park highlights include the shaded campground on Silver Lake and Little Point Sable Lighthouse on the Lake Michigan beach. Follow signs west from US-31 at either the Hart or Shelby exit. Camping facilities open April 1 to December 1; modern toilets from April 15 to November 1 only.

Newaygo State Park

2793 Beech St., Newaygo, MI 49337;

(616) 745-2888; [summer only: (616) 856-4452]

For the rugged camper, Newaygo State Park offers spacious and wooded rustic campsites and boating and swimming access to Hardy Dam Pond. Take US-131 to exit 125 and go west five miles to Beech Street. Go north on Beech Street. Camping facilities open April 1

to December 1; rustic only.